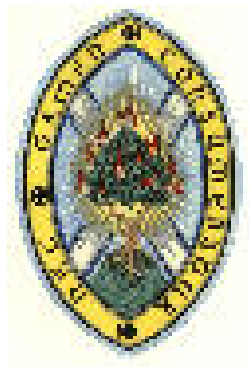


Church of Scotland
Kilmorack and Erchless



Parish Profile

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Section 1

The Churches

Kilmorack East Church, known also as Beaully Church



This was one of the two Churches in the Parish of Kilmorack. The church is located on Croyard Road Beaully. The Kilmorack West Church building is now an art gallery

Struy Church



Struy Church is located on the left side of the road, 10 miles from Beaully on the A831, about 100m before you reach the hamlet of Struy.

Cannich Church



The Church is located in the village of Cannich. Approaching Cannich from Beaully on the A 831, turn right after crossing the bridge and proceed about 50m up the hill where you will find the Church on the right hand side.

The St Columba Hall



The St Columba Hall is located adjacent to our Church in Beaully.

After recent review of the Parish, it has been ascertained that there is no intention to close any of these churches.

Note:- There is the opportunity to meet friends and visitors in fellowship after services in, “The Glens”, churches when tea or coffee is served.

The Parish is in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland and centres around the historic and picturesque village of Beaully which is 12 miles west from Inverness and 9 miles south of Dingwall. The two other places of worship are Struy, 10 miles south West from Beaully and Cannich 7 miles further up Strathglass, en route to Glen Affric

Beaully is well served with a good range of shops, generally privately owned with two small supermarkets, two major banks, a world famous tweed shop and a "real", hardware shop. These are complimented by butcher, baker, chemist, post office, newsagents, ladies dress shops, delicatessen, hairdresser and gift shops presenting things just a bit different! The list goes on. Another pleasing feature is the museum at the Beaully Centre where some well preserved not too distant history will tweak the nostalgia of the not so old!

There are also flourishing hotels, a number of restaurants with varying cuisine together with numerous Bed and Breakfast facilities. Garage sales, repair and maintenance services, a filling station with a laundry/laundrette attached, add to the services available.

Struy is a residential area with a hotel and quality restaurants and Cannich is served with a thriving village shop/post office and a public house serving home made fare.

This Highland rural area is very close to Inverness, now raised to City status, and travel there by road or rail is relatively short. Inverness Airport at Dalcross is approximately 9 miles from the city handling flights throughout Britain. There are rail links to all areas of Scotland and beyond.

The local and extended area offers opportunities too numerous to enter into in detail but include walking at levels from pleasant stroll along the River Beaully through mild gradient hill walking and, "Munro bagging", to rock climbing for experts with every stage in between. For those of an energetic nature, such pursuits as game fishing, canoeing, kayaking, white water rafting and sea going activities are supported by several companies in the region.

There are first class traditional sports facilities and a fine sports centre within easy reach. Inverness has an ice rink, indoor bowling arena, ten pin bowling alley, leisure pool, golf courses and other like attractions.

The city also supports the SPL football team Inverness Caledonian Thistle, although several members of session favour Dingwall's Ross County in the next division. Should participant contact sports be preferred, this is an area deeply involved in the sport of shinty and teams at every level from

kindergarten to major highland league can be followed weekly. It should be noted that girls play in several teams.

Eastgate Shopping centre in Inverness contains a wide range of major High Street outlets and there are several retail parks and the mandatory, "motor alley", for car enthusiasts. Both Dingwall and Inverness still retain small individual shops with assistants behind counters ready to help when required. In terms of retail therapy. There really is something for everyone.

Eden Court Theatre, set in the very attractive area close to the River Ness and in view of the Castle, is in the final stages of extension and renovation and attracts a comprehensive range of productions and performers. There is also a multi screen cinema complex which caters admirably for the film going public.

For those with a historical bent, there is a choice which is almost indescribable. Fort George, built as a result of the Jacobite uprising and Battle of Culloden, General Wade's roads and Telford Bridges, the Caledonian Canal, the list goes on. It is doubtful that one would run out of things to see and discover or places of interest to find and enjoy.

The extended area is a geologist's paradise with an extraordinary range of rock formation and wild life and nature enthusiasts cannot fail to be impressed with the flora and fauna.

Section 3 **Church Services and Organisations**

Model Constitution; 17 elders, and 7 elected members of the Congregational Board, serving a congregation of around 200 members and adherents .

Services

Beauly - weekly, for the first 4 Sundays in any month at 11.30am
Cannich - First and third Sunday in any month at 10.00am.
Struy - Second and fourth Sundays in any month at 10.00am

When a month contains five Sundays there will be a single service at 11.00am for all members and for 2008 these will be held as follows

March 30th in Beauly at 11.00 am

June 29th in Cannich at 11.00am

Aug 31st in Struy at 11.00am

Nov 30th in Beauly at 11.00am

It is anticipated that there will be a social event to follow each of these services for the furtherance of congregational fellowship.

Communion Services

Beauly :-1st Sunday of March, July and November

Struy:- early May :

Cannich :- late October

Properties

The three churches are all in good condition. All equipped with new electronic organs..The Organists give their services voluntarily

St Columba Hall is an excellent facility next to the Beauly church. It is also in good condition with a recently refurbished fitted kitchen and toilet facilities.

Other Church activities

The Childrens' Ministry (Sunday School) meets in Beauly during morning service, the children being in church for the first part of the service. They take their own offering together with duty office bearers. There are at present, 21 members, with a varying number in the creche - 5 or 6.

Struy Church has a Sunday School.

The Guild has about 25 members.

Beaully Church has a Singing Group which meets regularly in Beaully church after Sunday services. This group gives performances at various occasions in the course of the Church's ongoing activities.

St Columba hall is also host to various activity groups which include The Craft group, an opportunity to enjoy convivial company whilst sharing talents in various handicrafts. One result of the combined talents of this group is the provision of very decorative pew cushions for Beaully and Struy churches over the course of the last few years.

A coffee morning is held monthly in the hall and proceeds therefrom benefit church funds.

Community involvement

Local organisations which benefit from the facility include Guides, Brownies, toddlers group, Yoga class, Highland dancing to name a few. These groups can continue due to the availability of such suitable accommodation.



Situated in Croyard Road, Beaulieu is a Traditional 'Scottish style' red sandstone double fronted detached house erected in 1910, with front bow windows and a smart polished wood front entry facing the main Croyard Road, directly across the road from the Church.

Accommodation comprises :-

Ground floor

Sitting room (18' x 13'),

Reception (13' x13'),

Living room (12' x 12.6')

Modern kitchen/dinette

Mezzanine floor

Small bedroom/boxroom

Upper floor

Three double bedrooms

Recently installed bathroom (with shower)

Garage alongside building.

At the front there is a small garden area with two flower beds leading round to the rear and the South facing garden area comprising flower beds and a vegetable area.

There is a concealed laundry drying area

Section 5

Finance

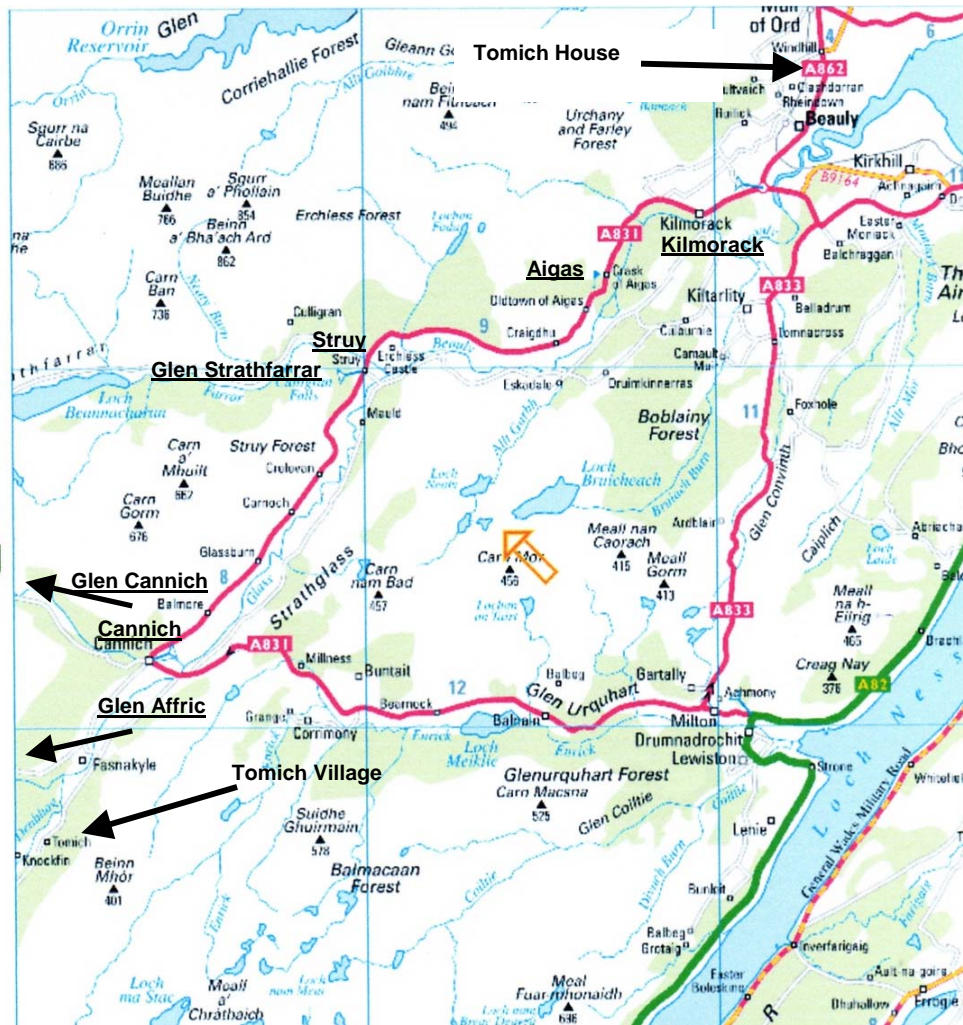
The Church enjoys a sound financial position having met all its obligations to Presbytery and Edinburgh for the last ten years.

A copy of the Church accounts is attached as Appendix I

Section 6.

Parish Boundary

The northern parish boundary commences with the old county boundary between Inverness-Shire and Ross and Cromarty at Tomich House, half way to Muir of Ord and includes the communities of Beauly, Wester Balblair. It then generally follows the river upstream to Tomich Village and Cougie and includes Kilmorack, Crask of Aigas, Struy, Cannich and Tomich. The glens of Strathglass, Strathfarrar, Cannich and Affric complete the extent of the Parish. The map below is intended only for an appreciation of the areas involved and their relationship to each other.



Section 7

Population

A recent Electoral Registers indicates that the parish comprises of 1,870 persons distributed roughly as follows:

1340	Beauly, and outlying areas close to the village
130	Aigas, Struy and Strathfarrar
250	Cannich, Glen Cannich and Kerrow
150	Tomich and Guisichan

Section 8.

Schools

Education in the area has in the main received very favorable reports and details for individual schools can be studied at length by visiting the appropriate website.

Highland Regional Council is the body responsible for local education and the following information provides an appreciation of the size and locale of the schools within the parish some of which include nursery facilities.

Beauly Primary School - 123 pupils + around 10 in nursery

Teanassie Primary School - 65 pupils + 20 nursery, (4 miles from Beauly)

Cannich Primary School - 30 pupils + 10 nursery, (18 miles from Beauly)

The minister is chaplain to these Primary Schools

Charleston Academy, Inverness provides secondary education for the pupils from Beauly, Kilmorack and Struy

Glenurquhart High School, Drumnadrochit serves secondary pupils from Cannich and Tomich.

Please note that the numbers presented in sections 7 and 8 were compiled in early 2007. There may be minor changes at the present date..

Section 9.

Employment

Until relatively recently, traditional employment in this rural area was mainly farming, crofting, forestry, estate work and service industries. The addition of the Hydro Electric scheme construction through the 50's and early 60s produced a range of positions in production, monitoring and associated service positions throughout the area. The large industrial estate at nearby Muir-Of-Ord has introduced opportunities in several industry related situations .

The popularity of the area is encouraging growth in population which, in turn, is attracting business to the area which in turn will provide associated benefits. Scottish Natural Heritage has moved its operation from Edinburgh to Inverness and a medical supply company together with several banking and financial businesses operate out of the business parks which have been opened across the city in recent years.

The close proximity of the city together with the convenient rail link, bus services and short drive has seen an increasing number of Beaully residents commuting daily in pursuance of their occupation.

Inverness College is now incorporated into UHI, (University of Highlands and Islands), Millenium Institute and as such is contributing to the situations available through positions in academia, technical requirements and research.

Major employers include Raigmore Hospital, Highland Regional Council and the Northern Constabulary.

Section 10.

Medical Facilities

There are two medical practices in Beaully and between them they care for the whole parish area. There are 7 doctors with support staff in nursing, physiotherapy chiropody and administration .

Highland Primary Care NHS Trust operates Raigmore Hospital in Inverness which serves the massive area of the Highlands and Islands. The parish is also served by Ross Memorial Hospital in Dingwall which houses a specialist arthritis/ rheumatism unit.

Opticians including several national companies and dental practitioners are available in Inverness and Dingwall

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There are chiropractor, homeopathy and several alternative medical services available in Inverness together with hydrotherapy pools in both areas

Section 11

Community organisations

The following list contains some of the organisations and activities which operate in the Parish.

Community Councils in Beauly, Kilmorack and Cannich.

W.R.I, At present there is no WRI organization in the Parish

Senior Citizens groups in Beauly (at the Day Centre) and Struy, (the Old School) .

The Royal British Legion has a branch in Beauly.

Girl Guides and Brownies in Beauly (meeting in the church hall).

Pre school play groups meet in Beauly and Teanassie. Balnain has a pre school play group which serves Cannich children.

Indoor and Outdoor bowling, badminton, soccer and shinty in Beauly. Shinty in Cannich.

Highland dancing in Beauly.

Golf courses at Muir of Ord, (18 hole), and Aigas, (9 hole).

The internationally known Aigas Field Centre is situated in the middle of the parish and a very good relationship exists between the Church and the many groups of visitors who attend Church in Struy or Cannich on most Sundays during their season (May to October). Visitors Books bear testimony to the frequency and nationality of these visitors.

Beauly village centres around a square which during the Summer months has beautiful flower displays and in recent years has won a, "Britain In Bloom", award in the village category. It is justly proud of its own Pipe Band, "The Beauly Firth and Glens", which now has a thriving junior section.

The village hall in Beauly, (the Phipps Institute), hosts many community events.

Section 12

Other Denominations

There are thriving Roman Catholic congregations in Beauly, Eskadale (near Struy) and Cannich; Free Church congregations in Beauly and Fasnakyle (between Cannich and Tomich) and we enjoy a long tradition of excellent inter- denominational relations with these groups in this parish.

There is a Free Presbyterian congregation at Wester Balblair.

